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To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 11:55 AM
Subject: Media Concentration: reply to public comments

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From: gshea@familyenhancement.org
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 12:00 PM
Subject: Protect Children's Television!

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Sincerely,

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cc:
Senator Herb Kohl
Senator Russell Feingold
Representative Tammy Baldwin

From: Popelin@aol.com
To: john_mccain@mccain.senate.gov, Mike Powell, KM KJMWEB, Kathleen Abernathy, mark.effron@msnbc.com
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 12:04 PM
Subject: Re: Upcoming FCC vote on media deregulation

Dear Senator, Commissioner, Chief

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thank you for your time

Corina Gamma

From: Sabina Yates
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 12:16 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Sabina Yates (redfoxred@earthlink.net) writes:

Thank You for holding the hearing in San Francisco, Saturday. Didn't see anything in the papers. This proposal to further deregulate media consolidation should be postponed, or withdrawn.

I heard the hearing on KPFA. We need more local programming. I heard Senator Dorgan telling about a train crash/toxic spill emergency which couldn't be broadcast because there was no local station.

HomeLand Security should require more, not fewer, local radio and TV channels. Sincerely, Sabina Yates

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From: Scott Free
To: Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Mike Powell
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 12:22 PM
Subject: Upcoming FCC vote on media deregulation.

Chairman Michael Powell, 202-418-1000
Commissioner Kevin J. Martin:
Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy

Dear Commissioner:

Having a democratic society critically depends on inclusion of a broad spectrum of voices. The current Corporate Dominated media environment not only fails in supporting a broad spectrum of voices, it also falls way short of a "free market".

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Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 12:33 PM
Subject: FCC vote on media deregulation

Dear Gentlefolk,

I am writing to request that you oppose any more consolidation of the media via "deregulation". It is very clear to the people of this country that we are seeing, hearing and reading only one side of the most important issues our nation faces.

A true democracy allows dissenting opinions to be expressed and ideas to be debated in a public setting. It is very sad to me that this rarely occurs in the mainstream media of our country. Today it appears that the media is nothing more than a PR firm for the White House and its agenda.

Further, for you involved in the media business, TRUTH SELLS. I would be glued to my television if there was any truth being reported. As it is, I believe that if it's on tv, it probably is not true, or at best, that it is a very skewed version of the truth. A sad state of affairs.

Please oppose further conglomeration of the media, and consider the inherent value in the voicing of a multitude of voices and opinions.

Sincerely,

Shilah Gould

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From: tad22@dana.ucc.nau.edu
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 12:39 PM
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cc:
Senator John McCain
Senator Jon Kyl
Representative Rick Renzi

From: Tom Fray
To: Mike Powell, KM KJMWEB, Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 12:49 PM
Subject: Upcoming FCC Vote on Media Deregulation

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Oppose media deregulation.

Tom Fray
Los Angeles, CA

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cc:
Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer
Representative Sam Farr

From: Randy Ziglar
To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 1:01 PM
Subject: Upcoming FCC vote on media deregulation

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Sincerely,

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From: Charles Wilkerson
To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 1:17 PM
Subject: via Voice4Change.org

Dear Chairman Powell,

Further consolidation of the media in the name of "deregulation" must be halted. The media companies have failed in their public trust to provide unbiased information about most crucial issues, most notably the recent coverage of the war in Iraq. It is a disgrace to see what has happened and will worsen unless some form of regulation isn't re-instituted.

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Sincerely,

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From: harmonyreppond@hotmail.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 1:32 PM
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From: Greg Maloney
To: john_mccain@mccain.senate.gov, Mike Powell, KM KJMWEB, Kathleen Abernathy
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Sincerely,

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cc:
Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer
Representative George Miller

From: Bill Sharfman
To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 2:20 PM
Subject: FCC relaxing media ownershp rules is wrong

I believe any sensible American who believes in the importance of a free and varied press as a key to democracy and informed democratic function is opposed to any concentration of media power. In that connection, it appears that the FCC wishes to relax regulations safeguarding this variety and diversity of media ownership, guaranteeing protection against concentration of power and reduction in varied editorial viewpoints.

Please do not let this relaxation of ownership rules nor concentration of power in media ownership proceed, it is a very very wrong direction for America.

Thank you.

William L. Sharfman, Ph.D.
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CC: Voice4Change

From: Anahid Kassabian
To: john_mccain@mccain.senate.gov, ernest_hollings@hollings.senate.gov,
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Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 2:33 PM
Subject: Upcoming FCC vote on media deregulation

Dear Senators McCain, Boxer, and Hollings:

As a media scholar and a citizen, I am *extremely* concerned about the proposals to further deregulate media ownership. I write today to urge you to communicate the dangers of the proposals to Chairman Powell and his fellow commissioners.

Scholarship has shown unequivocally that media companies have failed in their public trust to provide unbiased information about most crucial issues, most notably the recent coverage of the war in Iraq. For the now classic work in this field, see Ben Bagdikian's *The Media Monopoly*. (Bagdikian is a renowned scholar and the former Dean of the Graduate School of Journalism at UC Berkeley.)

As an American concerned about our democracy, I call on you to oppose the further erosions of our public right to know in the name of free trade. Rather than following the folly-strewn path of deregulation, I urge you to challenge the media conglomerates, to open the broadcast spectrum to a diverse range of journalists and opinions, and to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine.

Sincerely,
Anahid Kassabian, Ph.D.
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CC: Mike Powell, KM KJMWEB, Kathleen Abernathy

From: Abby Thornton
To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 2:35 PM
Subject: via Voice4Change.org

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Abby Thornton

From: Warren Criswell
To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 2:38 PM
Subject: media deregulation

Dear Chairman Powell,

Further consolidation of the media in the name of "deregulation" must be halted. It's bad enough as it is. The media companies have failed in their public trust to provide unbiased information about most crucial issues, most notably the recent coverage of the war in Iraq. Their already severe loss of credibility will only get worse if your proposal to let them to merge is successful.

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Sincerely,

Warren Criswell

From: EricMargolis@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 2:40 PM
Subject: Letter to the Chairman of the FCC

Dear Chairman,

My name is Eric Margolis, and I have been working (on and off) in the radio broadcasting business for more than 25 years. I am currently 50 years old, and out of work. A victim, I feel, of de-regulation in the radio industry.

It is my understanding that a hearing will be taking place soon, regarding the deregulation of the radio and TV industries, and the impact that it has had on the overall effectiveness of the broadcast industry.

While I am no expert on law-making, or monopolies or politics, or business in general, I do know two things. The radio industry has suffered greatly as a result of deregulation; and radio listeners are currently being tremendously under-served by that industry.

All the reasons why television and radio were originally more regulated, and why very strong governing rules applied regarding ownership of stations -- and their operational mandates -- were absolutely sound. Those rules served to protect the whole industry, the people who worked in that industry, and the American listening/viewing public.

The companies who own hundreds of stations, have proven that not only can they not generate sufficient income to pay their enormous debt service without making massive job cuts and/or cutting services -- but they have clearly diminished the quality of their product and their ability to serve the public interest effectively.

I know I am only one person, but it is my hope that enough concerned broadcasters and radio listeners will write to you and help make your mission even clearer than it already is. That mission, should be to try and retrieve what is left of a dying industry from the hands of greedy business interests, and return it to the people to whom it actually belongs -- the American public.

PLEASE! Re-regulate television and radio ownership rules before it is too late to make a difference.

Thank you,
Eric Margolis

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: John Risseuw
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein, john_mccain@mccain.senate.gov, info@kyl.senate.gov, jdhayworth@mail.house.gov
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 2:50 PM
Subject: Public Comments on FCC Docket No. 02-277

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review - Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

To: The Secretary and FCC Commissioners:

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cc:
Senator John McCain
Senator Jon Kyl

From: Janet Smarr
To: Mike Powell, KM KJMWEB, Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 3:17 PM
Subject: media consolidations

Dear FCC members: The increasing consolidation of ownership over media has had the profoundly disturbing effect of increasingly limiting the range of information and viewpoints available to the public. You have a duty to the public to make sure that the media ownership does not become so narrow as to undermine democracy. I am therefore appalled to hear that you are planning deregulation which would even further restrict media ownership by allowing the current handful of large media owners to buy each other. I urge you NOT to do this. Already large segments of the population view the media as primarily a propaganda tool of the corporations-and-government. Coverage of the run-up to and war in Iraq has made this painfully clear. Democracy cannot function without a broad range of information and debate. The FCC should be making it harder, not easier, for any corporation to control too much of the media. Sincerely, Dr. Janet Smarr

From: Grabag121526@aol.com
To: john_mccain@mccain.senate.gov
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 3:23 PM
Subject: via Voice4Change.org

Please protect media diversity and our Democracy from the FCC's willingness to vote on relaxing the laws that protect media diversity!

Our media has already been taken over to the extent that we get more disinformation and dishonesty in reporting then not.

Please, do not under any circumstances let them pass a law that allows for any more media consolidation!

Trusting in you,

L. Bagley
lorba58@yahoo.com

CC: Mike Powell

From: Rob Lowry
To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 4:07 PM
Subject: Deregulation

Hello. I am Rob Lowry and I am an Engineer from Milford, Iowa. I am concerned about the FCC loosening regulations on media. I strongly believe in a less intrusive government in most personal and business manners but not in media regulations. The loosening of regulation in '94 has clearly produced the opposite of its intended effect: LESS creativity, LESS competition, and LESS diversity. Oligopolies are not good and that is what we have now and if we deregulate we will have that to the third power....not good. Thanks for reading this.

Sincerely,

Rob LOwry

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